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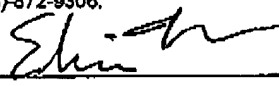
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Applicants hereby respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment for the patent application filed herewith. In view of the following remarks and amendments, consideration and allowance of the claims pending in this Application are respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims and begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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For FY 2005☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 50.00**Complete if Known**

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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)

Small Entity Fee (\$)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

50

25

Multiple dependent claims

200

100

360

180

Total Claims**Extra Claims****Fee (\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

- 20 or HP = 2 x 25 = 50

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Indep. Claims**Extra Claims****Fee (\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

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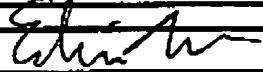
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